## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please amend claims 1-6 as follows:

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1. (Once amended) A vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising:
an active region further comprising at least one quantum well having a well
depth of at least 40 meV and comprised of InGaAs and further including GaAs
barrier layers sandwiching said at least one quantum well; and

GaAs confinement layers sandwiching said active region.

- 2. (Once amended) The vertical cavity surface emitting laser of claim 1 wherein said at least one quantum well is up to and including 50Å in thickness.
- 3. (Once amended) A vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising: an active region further comprising at least one quantum well having a well depth of at least 40 meV and comprised of InGaAs and further including GaAsN barrier layers sandwiching said at least one quantum well; and

AlGaAs confinement layers sandwiching said active region.

- 4. (Once amended) The vertical cavity surface emitting laser of claim 3 wherein said at least one quantum well is up to and including 50Å in thickness.
- 5. (Once amended) A vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising:
  an active region further comprising at least one quantum well having a well
  depth of at least 40 meV and comprised of InGaAs and further including AlGaAs
  barrier layers sandwiching said at least one quantum well; and

GaAsN confinement layers sandwiching said active region.

6. (Once amended) The vertical cavity surface emitting laser of claim 5 wherein said at least one quantum well is up to and including 50Å in thickness.